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SUMARY. TWO RECENT NEWS BROADCASTS HAVE BROUGHT
CHADIAN CRITICISM OF LIBYA TO NEW HEIGHT OF PERSONAL ATTACK
ON LIBYAN PRESIDENT QADHAFFI.

1. IN A RADIO BROADCAST JUNE 1, REPRINTED THE NEXT DAY
IN INFOTCHAD, THE CHADIAN PRESS AGENCY AIRED A LONG UNSIGNED
EDITORIAL CRITICIZING COL. MU'AMMAR QADHAFFI'S RECENT TROTTERING
OUT OF HIS OLD WAR HORSE, QUOTE IMPERIALISM. UNQUOTE
THE ATP QUOTED FROM QADHAFFI'S TUESDAY ARRIVAL
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STATEMENT IN ALGIERS IN WHICH HE DECLARED QUOTE THE
RETURN OF NEO-COLONIALISM IN AFRICA ... WILL HAVE AS ITS
FIRST RESULT THE DIVISION OF AFRICA INTO TWO CAMPS. UNQUOTE

2. THE ALGERIAN PRESS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT THE
AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BY QADHAFFI AND BOUMEDIENNE
CONDEMNED FRENCH INTERVENTION IN MAURITANIA, ZAIRE AND

CHAD; AND DENOUNCED THE PETRO-DOLLAR DIPLOMACY PRACTICED BY SAUDIA ARABIA IN THE INTEREST OF REACTIONARY IMPERIALISM. IF THESE REMARKS ARE CORRECTLY ATTRIBUTED, ATP CONTINUED, IT MERELY SHOWS ONE MORE TIME THE INCOHERENCY THAT CHARACTERIZES THE ACTS OF LIBYA'S LEADER.

3. WHILE QADHAFFI CONDEMNED FRENCH-CHADIAN RELATIONS, THEY REALLY ARE NO DIFFERENT IN NATURE THAN FRENCH-LIBYAN RELATIONS. QUOTE CHAD, LIKE LIBYA, WISHES TO ACQUIRE FRENCH TECHNOLOGY ... THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN THE COMPORTMENT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES LIES IN THE ABUNDANCE OF MEANS TO ACQUIRE THIS TECHNOLOGY. THAT IS, LIBYA HAS PETRO- DOLLARS WHILE CHAD DOES NOT. UNQUOTE

4. FROM THE CHADIAN VIEWPOINT, THESE PETRO-DOLLARS ARE USED BY LIBYA TO ACQUIRE ARMAMENTS WHICH PERMIT IT TO IMPOSE ITSELF AND REALIZE AN EXPANSIONIST POLICY. DESPITE THIS ILL-CONSIDERED USE OF PETRO-DOLLARS, LIBYA CASTS DOUBTS ON SAUDIA ARABIA'S PETRO-DOLLAR DIPLOMACY. THE EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT, IN THE CASE OF CHAD, THE LATTER WAS CERTAINLY PREFERABLE SINCE SAUDI MONEY WAS USED TO PROVIDE A HANDSOVE MOSQUE FOR CHADIANS AND NOT TO ANNEX PART OF ITS TERRITORY TO A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY.

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5. IF IMPERIALISM IS THE POLICY BY WHICH A STATE SEEKS TO SUBMIT OTHER STATES TO ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DOMINATION, THEN QADHAFFI'S LIBYA MEETS ALL THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO BE IMPERIALIST. LIBYA HAS MILITARILY OCCUPIED SINCE 1973 AN INTEGRAL PART OF CHAD, THE AOZOUZ STRIP. IT IS ALSO LIBYA WHICH SUPPORTS, ARMS AND PARTICIPATES DIRECTLY ALONGSIDE ELEMENTS OF FROLINAT/GOUKOUNI. ITS PRACTICE TO OVERTHROW A NEIGHBORING GOVERNMENT ARE CONTRARY TO OAU PRINCIPLES AND PRESENT A REAL DANGER OF DIVIDING AFRICA INTO TWO CAMPS BECAUSE OF CERTAIN ILL-DEFINED RELIGIOUS IDEOLOGIES.

6. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT THE KORAN IS THE FUNDAMENTAL LAW IN BOTH LIBYA AND SAUDIA ARABIA BUT THAT THE ACTS OF THE FORMER ARE CONTRARY TO THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND THAT IT IS EQUALLY ABERRANT TO WANT OVERTHROW AND SUBMIT TO ITS WILL ANOTHER ORGANISM WHICH HAS PROVED ITSELF THROUGHOUT ITS 15 YEARS OF EXISTENCE.

7. SECOND ATTACK WAS RADIO BROADCAST NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 4 WHERE RADIO NDJAMENA STRONGLY CRITICIZED

QADHAFFI'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT FROM ALGIERS AS QUOTE
MEGALOMANIA CRISIS UNQUOTE AND QUOTE FOLLY OF GRANDEUR
UNQUOTE. THE EDITORIAL EXCERPTED QADHAFFI'S STATEMENTS
WHICH CLAIM GOC WAS WAGING ANTI-ISLAMIC WAR AGAINST
NORTHERNERS AND TRYING TO PERSECUTE THEM, IF NOT
CARRY OUT GENOCIDE. SECOND BROADCAST HAS
NOT BEEN REPRODUCED IN WRITTEN PRESS.

BEGIN C O N F I D E N T I A L

COMMENT. THESE PUBLIC ATTACKS ON QADHAFFI, COMBINED
WITH EARLIER SUCH ATTACKS LEADS US TO WONDER IF THE
GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT BE ATTEMPTING TO PUSH THE VOLATILE
LIBYAN INTO BEARING THE ONUS OF CALLING OFF JUNE 7 MEETING.
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